

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

September 10, 2015

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Present : Joe Watters, Robert Jewell, Dawn Smith, Leigh Raffaele, Connie Andershonis, Elaine Drazek,
and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent :

Sustainable Jersey Recertification: The Township of Mansfield Green Team will qualify for bronze recertification without including Support Local Businesses. After a brief discussion the Green Team decided to remove the Support Local Business action item from the submission and move forward with submitting the report to Sustainable Jersey for recertification. Mrs. Andershonis will submit the appropriate paperwork. The award ceremony will be held in Atlantic City on November 17, 2015; the cost to attend is \$35.00 per person. At this time it does not appear that anyone from the Green Team will be able to attend. Mrs. Andershonis will see if Sustainable Jersey needs our plaque in order to update the recertification information.

Reusable Bag Education Program: Mrs. Fascenelli stated that residents have been requesting bags as per the notice in the Township newsletter.

Carbon Footprint: Mrs. Andershonis advised information has been updated to April 2015.

Materials Reuse Program: Mrs. Smith informed the Green Team that 8 residents responded to the survey monkey regarding the 2015 Town-Wide yard sale. The 2016 Town-Wide yard sale is scheduled for April 23rd and April 24th. Letters were mailed on April 18, 2015 to the 4 township fire departments to see if they wish to participate.

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Raffaele will continue to contact local businesses. It will take a while to compile all the information.

Backyard Composting Workshop: Mrs. Fascenelli said a workshop will be scheduled for sometime in March 2016. Pequest Trout Hatchery will host the workshop and Earthworms Plus will do the presentation.

Operation Drug-Take-Back: This event is scheduled for September 26, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Mansfield Township Police Department. The Green Team will assist with advertizing this event.

Mrs. Fascenelli advised that Mansfield Township will be joining forces with Musconetcong Watershed Association in order to obtain the necessary points required for Stormwater Management. A handout was given to the Green Team members with a listing of Stormwater Education Program Offerings.

Mrs. Andersonis shared with the Green Team members a mailing from ANJEC regarding workshops that will be held on October 9, 2015 at the Raritan Valley Community College.

Morning Workshops:

Local Projects to Protect and Create Habitat
Stormwater Management at the Municipal Level
Goal: Zero Plastic Pollution in Our Waters
NJ Open Space Policy Update
New Jersey's Energy Supply: Clean or Dirty?

Afternoon Workshops:

Getting Traction on Green Stormwater
Pipelines
Water Supply – Acting Locally in the Absence of a Statewide Plan
New Tech Hacks for Environmental Data Gathering
Conservations with NJDEP about Water

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that Sustainable Jersey unveiled 3 new certification actions (Enhanced Animal Licensing Compliance, Utilizing Your Creative Assets, and Buy Electricity from a Renewable Source).

Mrs. Fascenelli reminded the Green Team members about the Washington Township (Morris County) Green Festival & Family Fun Day to be held on September 12, 2015.

October 24, 2015 – Free Town-Wide Paper Shredding Event – Mansfield Township Department of Public Works (1710 Route 57) 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

November 21, 2015 – Electronic Waste, Scrap Metal, & Large Rigid Plastics Collection – Mansfield Township Department of Public Works (1710 Route 57) 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli